



Notes from meeting, Thu 20th November 2014

Activities

Fatherhood Institute Initiative

There has been another meeting, attended by David Bartlett from the Institute. The working group had reviewed activities, including our benchmarking and discussed actions for the coming period. These included contacting training providers, schools and childcare providers.

David contacted our colleagues in York and had received a copy of their action plan.

Other

As part of International Men's Day, David had written a guest blog—

<http://www.laurahenryconsultancy.com/2014/11/15/men-in-early-years-the-election-campaign-starts-here/>

He also co-hosted #eytalking Twitter chat on 18th November with Conor Bathgate from London Men in Childcare network.

Both activities generated some really positive comments and feedback.

David had also tweeted a request direct to the new minister for Early Years, Sam Gyimah, for government funding for an initiative to recruit more men.

International

David and Joe attended and presented at an EU Men in Childcare event in Poland on 23/24 October organised by MiC Scotland. Details available in the report on the website.

Opportunities

Schools / College Work

Gary has been in to Bitterne Park school with fliers. Also working into St George's School. David is supporting an employers' awareness day at a junior school in Basingstoke. Chris has support from his management to enable him to support future schools' events.

David & Gary have a slot to address the Southampton Secondary Head's conference in January.

Gary liaising with careers advisors.

Half Day Conference

Possibility discussed of running a low-key half day event at City College, exploring Men in Early Years

Profiles

A document has been added to the website which is being expanded as we collect profiles.

Publicity

Items still being pursued -

- Gary organising a pull-up stand through City College
- podcasts (may be able to record these in City College studios);
- video (may be able to get City College students to produce this);
- testimonials / personal stories, quotes

David had emailed local settings, including Hampshire based / agencies again with the next meeting poster.

Next Meeting: 7pm Wednesday 21st January 2015
at The Hub, City College, Chapel Road, Southampton SO14 5GL